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2. What is claimed is:

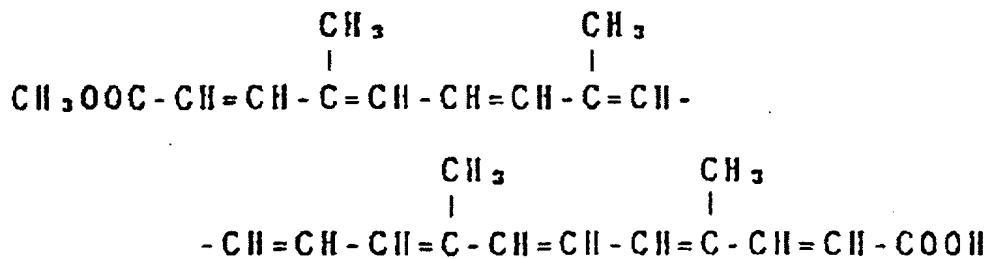
1. A bread modifier comprising as active ingredients one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of bixin, sodium bixin, potassium bixin, norbixin, sodium norbixin, potassium norbixin and sodium/potassium norbixin.
2. A bread dough containing 0.0004 to 0.004 part by weight, per 100 parts by weight of wheat flour, of one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of bixin, sodium bixin, potassium bixin, norbixin, sodium norbixin, potassium norbixin and sodium/potassium norbixin.
3. A method for producing bread, comprising: adding one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of bixin, sodium bixin, potassium bixin, norbixin, sodium norbixin, potassium norbixin and sodium/potassium norbixin to the bread ingredients including wheat flour as a main ingredient, so that the mixture comprises 0.0004 to 0.004 part by weight of said compounds per 100 parts by weight of wheat flour; kneading the mixture; and then fermenting and baking the mixture by a conventional method.

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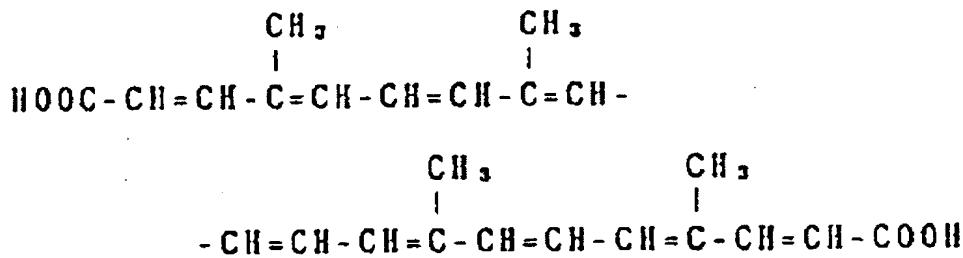
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Bixin, norbixin and alkali metal salts thereof are carotenoids represented by the following molecular formulas or structural formulas:

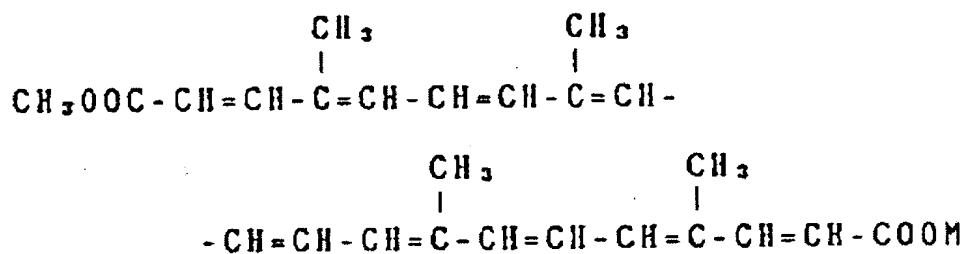
Bixin (molecular formula: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>30</sub>O<sub>4</sub>):



Norbixin (molecular formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>4</sub>):

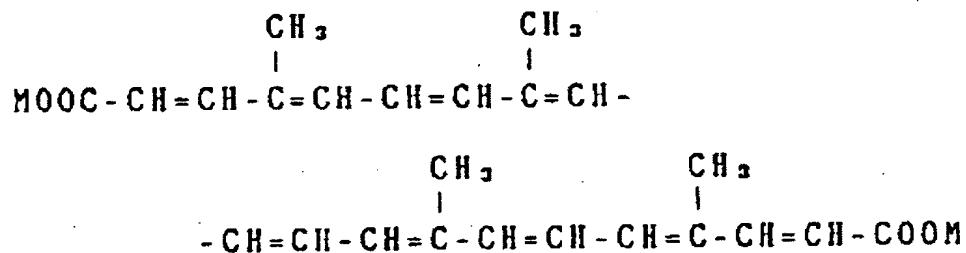


Alkali metal salt of bixin (molecular formula: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>29</sub>O<sub>4</sub>M):



(where M is sodium or potassium)

Alkali metal salt of norbixin (molecular formula: C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>4</sub>M<sub>2</sub>):



(where M is sodium or potassium).

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**Table 2**

	Additive used in bread and amount thereof	
Example 1	Bixin	0.0005 part
Example 2	Bixin	0.0035 part
Example 3	Potassium norbixin	0.0005 part
Example 4	Potassium norbixin	0.0035 part
Example 5	Bixin Potassium norbixin	0.0015 part 0.0020 part
Comparative Example 1	Bixin	0.0070 part
Comparative Example 2	Norbixin	0.0070 part
Comparative Example 3	Dusting flour	1 part
Comparative Example 4	Dusting flour	3 parts
Comparative Example 5	No additive used	

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	Additive used in bread and amount thereof	
Example 6	Sodium bixin	0.0005 part
Example 7	Sodium bixin	0.0035 part
Example 8	Potassium bixin	0.0035 part
Example 9	Norbixin	0.0035 part
Example 10	Sodium/potassium norbixin	0.0035 part
Example 11	Norbixin Potassium norbixin	0.0015 part 0.0020 part
Comparative Example 6	Sodium bixin	0.0070 part
Comparative Example 7	Potassium bixin	0.0070 part